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1. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO SUPPORT PANSA'S PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE INTERIM STEPS NECESSARY TO GET EARLY DECISION ON NATO COMMON FACILITY. IT IS DESIRABLE TO HAVE AN IS ADMINISTRATOR/NEGOTIATOR IN VIENNA IF A COMMON FACILITY IS TO BE ACHIEVED PRIOR TO NEGOTIATIONS. BEGIN FYI: WE UNDERSTAND THE BELGIAN COUNSELOR IN VIENNA, WHO HAS BEEN PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN THE SEARCH FOR AN APPROPRIATE FACILITY, HAS BEEN MAKING THIS REQUEST FOR SOME TIME AND DOES NOT CONSIDER HIS EMBASSY FULLY ADEQUATE TO PURSUE THE SEARCH WITHOUT THE HELP OF SUCH AN IS ADMINISTRATOR. END FYI.

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2. FOR MISSION'S GUIDANCE, AND FOR USE AS APPROPRIATE,

OUR VIEW IS THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR'S ROLE IN VIENNA SHOULD BE TO SEEK MORE LIMITED FACILITY OF TYPE OF PRIVATE RESIDENCE ADEQUATE FOR OFFICE SPACE FOR REDUCED STAFF. WE SEE NO NEED FOR ALL NATO COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE US, TO MAINTAIN SEPARATE OFFICES IN SHARED FACILITY OF REDUCED DIMENSIONS. IF COMMON CONFERENCE ROOM WERE NOT AVAILABLE, US DELEGATION FACILITY (11 OBERSTEINERGASSE) WOULD HAVE AN ADEQUATE CONFERENCE ROOM THAT COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE

FOR AD HOC GROUP MEETINGS IF OTHERS NOT IN POSITION TO DO SO. FOR THESE AND SECURITY REASONS (REF B) WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO ACCEPT RENNWEG BUILDING. HOWEVER, WE WOULD GO ALONG WITH RENNWEG IF A CLEAR MAJORITY STRONGLY SUPPORTED IT AND GROUP AGREED ON EQUITABLE SHARE IN EXPENSES.

3. WE AGREE RETURN OF PROBLEM TO ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY GROUPS PROVIDES A BETTER FORUM FOR ACHIEVING A LIMITED FACILITY, POSSIBLY WITHOUT OWN COMMUNICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS STORAGE CAPABILITIES. TIME FACTOR REQUIRES ACTIVE PURSUIT OF THE PROBLEM IN SUCH A SUB-GROUP. RUSH

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